

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A fastener element (10) for fastening a fluid dispenser member (20), ~~such as a pump or a valve~~, on a fluid reservoir (1), said fastener element (10) including a deformable snap-fastener portion (15) for snap-fastening on the ~~a~~ neck (2) of the reservoir (1), said fastener element being characterized in that stiffener means (20) are provided inside said snap-fastener portion (15) for substantially preventing said snap-fastener portion (15) from deforming after snap-fastening.

2. (currently amended): A fastener element according to claim 1, in which said snap-fastener portion (15) comprises a lateral skirt of said fastener element (10), and a projection (16) projecting radially inwards from the inside wall of said lateral skirt.

3. (currently amended): A fastener element according to claim 1, in which said stiffener means (20) are inserted, integrated, sunk, ~~and/or~~ embedded inside said snap-fastener portion (15).

4. (currently amended): A fastener element according to claim 1, in which said stiffener means (20) comprise one or a plurality of rigid and/or resilient elements.

5. (currently amended): A fastener element according to claim 4, in which the rigid and/or resilient element(s) ~~(20)~~ extend in or around the periphery of the snap-fastener portion ~~(15)~~.

6. (currently amended): A fastener element according to claim 1, in which said stiffener means ~~(20)~~ comprise at least one substantially rigid and/or resilient circular insert.

7. (currently amended): A fastener element according to claim 6, in which the inside diameter of said at least one circular insert ~~(20)~~ is not less than the outside diameter of the neck ~~(2)~~ of the reservoir ~~(1)~~.

8. (currently amended): A fastener element according to claim 6, in which said circular insert ~~(20)~~ is made as a single part.

9. (currently amended): A fastener element according to claim 6, in which said circular insert ~~(20)~~ is constituted by a plurality of insert sections.

10. (currently amended): A fastener element according to claim 6, in which said circular insert ~~(20)~~ is a metal wire or the like.

11. (currently amended): A fastener element according to claim 10, in which said wire ~~(20)~~ includes a plurality of turns.

12. (currently amended): A fastener element according to claim 1, in which said fastener element is a snap-fastenable ring (10)-for fastening a pump (20)-on a neck (2)-of a reservoir-(1), said ring (10)-being made integrally with pump-receiver means (11)-co-operating with the pump body-(21), and a ferrule portion (12)-extending inside said pump body (21)-so as to define the rest position of the pump-(20).

13. (currently amended): A fastener element according to claim 12, in which said snap-fastenable ring (10)-is made from a single plastics material.

14. (currently amended): A fastener element according to claim 12, in which said snap-fastenable ring (10)-is made from a plurality of different plastics materials.

15. (currently amended): A fluid dispenser device, including a dispenser member-(20), ~~such as a pump or a valve~~, mounted on a fluid reservoir (1)-by means of a fastener element (10), ~~said device being characterized in that~~wherein said fastener element (10)-is made according to claim 1.

16. (new): A fastener element according to claim 1, wherein the fluid dispenser member is a pump or a valve.

17. (new): A fluid dispenser device according to claim 15, wherein the dispenser member is a pump or a valve.

18. (new): A fastener element for fastening a fluid dispenser member on a fluid reservoir, said fastener element comprising a deformable snap-fastener portion that snap-fastens onto a neck of the reservoir, the fastener element comprising a resilient or rigid stiffener element inside the snap-fastener portion that substantially prevents the snap-fastener portion from deforming after snap-fastening.

19. (new): The fastener element according to claim 18, wherein the stiffener element is inserted or embedded inside the snap-fastener portion.